

On the road again

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“I’m here to win souls for God and live a slower-paced life.”

Randy Boehmer hit the road four and a half years ago with a couple covered wagons and his five mules: Frank, Jesse, Dick, Jack and Butch. Now, 20 states and dozens of newspaper interviews later, he’s got his routine down pat.

The Belgium draft mules pull the wagon, while Boehmer—the mule skinner—drives them down the road. They stay north in the summer and south in the winter, with almost all the comforts of home right there in the wagon.

Boehmer has a wood-burning stove, LED lights, solar panels, fans, a cell phone, a radio and practically running water. He said it takes about 4-6 hours a day to get the mules ready to say “giddy-up.”



Randy Boehmer and his mules Frank, Jesse, Dick, Jack and Butch have been traveling the country the past four and a half years, with their wagons proudly proclaiming “Jesus saves.” □ □

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He might have been seen coming from Haxtun on Highway 6 Friday, Sept. 28, before he camped for the weekend at Phillips County Fairgrounds. He then headed out on Highway 385.

The things that can't be missed about Boehmer are his bold signs on his wagons, clearly stating "Jesus saves." He described himself as an evangelistic preacher of the gospel. "The wagon pretty much says it all," he said.

So why a covered wagon? "Mules bring a lot of people to me," he said, noting on the wagon people can see the name of the one that can save them from their sins.

Boehmer, who is from Ash Fork, Ariz., said he's not retired, but God provides.

When Boehmer's mom died, he and his brother were cleaning out her garage. His sister told them that whatever they didn't want would be hauled to the dump. "At that time, I saw the futility of chasing the things of the world. There's got to be more to life than this."

Boehmer's wife died from cancer, and her last words were, "Life here on earth is short compared to eternity."

He started to read his Bible to find out about this God that had her soul. He found out he needed to turn from his sins and ask God to save him.

Boehmer attended a non-denominational Bible school for two years, and in preparation for his

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trip, he shod horses for seven months.

He simply stated, “I bought mules, built the wagons and hit the road.” And he’s still going strong four years and six months later.



Randy Boehmer is seen along Highway 6 west of Holyoke last week as this evangelical preacher hit the road once again to win souls for God and live a slower-paced life.

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